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SUBJECT: POLISH REACTION TO ISRAELI-SYRIAN AGREEMENT

1. POLES, BOT OFFICIAL AND ORDINARY, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION HAVE BEEN UNRESTRIANED IN VOICING THEIR ADMIRATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S ACHIEVEMENT OF A CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA. PRESS COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MORE MEASURED, SHOWING DUE REGARD FOR THE SECRETARY'S PROLONGED MEDIATION EFFORTS, WIHILE AT THE SAME TIME PLAYING UP SOVIET ACTIONS WEREVER POSSIBLE.

2. TRYBUNA LUDU, FOR EXAMPLE, IN A MAY 30 HEADLINE HAILING THE AGREEMENT ALSO SUB-HEADED THE COMMUNIQUE ON GROMYKO'S DAMASCUS VISIT, MAKING NO MENTION OF THE US ROLE. THE MAIN STORY, HOWEVER, BEGAN BY NOTING THAT THE "FIRST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIAL" NEWS OF THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT HAD COME

FROM WASHINGTON IN THE FORM OF PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT  
BASED ON INFORMATION FROM THE SECRETARY.

3. SUBSEQUENT EDITORIALS HAVE MADE A CAUTIOUS EFFORT TO  
TAKE THE SHINE OFF THE SECRETARY'S ACHIEVEMENT. ZYCIE  
WARSZAWY ON MAY 31, DESCRIBING HIS EFFORTS AS "TRULY DESERVING  
OF RESPECT," NEVERTHELESS EMPHASIZED ARAB ARMS, THE NEW "OIL  
WEAPON", AND SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AS CRUCIAL.  
AN EARLIER SLOWO POWSZECHNE COMMENT ON MAY 25 HAD SUGGESTED  
THAT THE SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST EFFORT STEMMED FROM A NEED  
TO "STRENGTHEN THE PRESIDENT'S HAND BEFORE CONGRESS," OWING  
TO THE "WATERGATE AFFAIR."

4. ATTEMPTING TO PLAY UP THE SOVIET ROLE, TRYBUNA LUDU  
EDITORIALIZED ON JUNE 2 THAT, DESPITE THE SECRETARY'S  
NUMEROUS TRIPS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA, THE "SIGNIFICANT  
BREAKTHROUGH" CAME WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S  
VISIT TO THE SYRIAN CAPITAL IN LATE MAY. EXPANDING THIS THEME  
IN A MORE POSITIVE VEIN, WITH EMPHASIS ON A JOINT US-SOVIET  
ROLE, THE PARTY DAILY CARRIED A COMMENTARY ON JUNE 3 DESCRIB-  
ING THE ISRAELI-SYRAIN AGREEMENT AS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE  
OF THE FRUITS OF US-SOVIET DETENTE. THE COMMENTARY POINTED  
OUT THE SECRETARY'S THREE MEETING WITH GROMYKO DURING THE  
PAST MONTH IN A MANNER DEPICTING THEIR TALKS AS ESSENTIAL TO  
THE AGREEMENT THAT FINALLY EMERGED.  
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